

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: METHODS OF DIAGNOSING OR PROGNOSING  
ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4-9, 14, 16, 19-22, 25-27, 30 and 31 as follows:

4. (amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said sample is a body fluid, preferably cerebrospinal fluid.
5. (amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said subject is a human.
6. (amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said translation product of (i) a cystatin C gene or (ii) a polymorphic variant of a cystatin C gene is determined in its monomer form.

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